

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Seventy-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 6–10 November 2023

Report Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC)

1. The Finance and Budget Subcommittee (FBSC) of the Standing Committee met twice (2) during the period 6 – 10 November 2023. The present report contains the recommendations of the Subcommittee for consideration of the Standing Committee.
2. Representative from below regions were present at the meetings as follows:
  - Africa: Kenya and Tanzania
  - Asia: Japan
  - Central and South America and the Caribbean: no representative from Peru
  - Europe: European Union
  - North America: United States of America
  - Oceania: New Zealand
  - Depositary Government: no representative
3. No chair was elected among the FBSC members, and this role will remain vacant until a chair is identified.
4. The Secretary-General of CITES, the Administrative and Funds Management Officer of CITES and the representative from UNEP were assisting the meetings of FBSC.

Recommendations:

Agenda item 8: Financial matters

5. The FBSC recommends that the Standing Committee:
  - a. Approve the reports on the costed programme of work for the full year of 2022 and for the period up to 30 September 2023 for the year 2023;
  - b. Invite the Conference of the Parties to approve that no registration fees are charged to observer organizations for online meetings;
  - c. Request the Secretariat to organize the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties meeting as per Resolution Conf. 19.1, paragraph 32 a), if no candidate host country is known by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and to initiate fund-raising for cost associated with the organization and to propose alternative approaches to funding future CoPs for review; and
  - d. Take note of other information provided in the report.

Agenda item 9 – Terms of Reference of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee

6. The FBSC recommends that the Standing Committee invites the Conference of the Parties to make the following amendments and replacements in Resolution Conf. 18.2:

- a. the terms of reference of the Standing Committee Finance and Budget Subcommittee as amended by the Secretariat in the Annex of the working document 9 and be annexed to Resolution Conf. 18.2 on *Establishment of committees*; and
- b. to make the following amendment in Resolution Conf. 18.2 by deleting current paragraph 2 and to replace with new paragraphs 2 and 3 as follows:

~~2. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to establish a Finance and Budget Subcommittee and specify its terms of reference;~~

~~3. 2. ESTABLISHES the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee as its scientific advisory bodies, which shall report to the Conference of the Parties at its meetings and, if so requested, to the Standing Committee between meetings of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with their Terms of Reference as found in Annex 2 of this Resolution;~~

~~3. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to establish a Finance and Budget Subcommittee and specify its with the terms of reference as found in Annex 3 to this Resolution;~~

Agenda item 10.1: Administrative matters – Report of the Secretariat

7. The FBSC takes note of document SC77 10.1 and recommend the Standing Committee to appreciate the continued contribution by the host country of the Secretariat.

Agenda item 10.2: Administrative matters – Report of UNEP on administrative matters

8. The FBSC recommends that the Standing Committee:
  - a. Request that UNEP provide in its report to the 78<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee information on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Standing Committee of the Conference of the Parties to the CITES and the Executive Director of UNEP concerning secretariat services to and support of the Convention and an update as to implementation of the remaining audit recommendations; and
  - b. Take note of other information provided in the report.